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KNTV (San Jose, Calif.): Provided Stephen Stock, reporter, EPA's fact sheet on state-lead South Bay sites. CLOSED. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi.

Siskiyou Daily News (Yreka, Calif.): Spoke with Kevin Dickinson, reporter, regarding his inquiry on two targeted Brownfields assessment grants given for work in Yreka. Working with program to provide final reports detailing grant work. OPEN. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi.

WEB

Social Media:

TRI/Environmental Justice – Posted to Facebook and Twitter encouraging people to share their environmental justice and community engagement stories at the upcoming [TRI National Training Conference](#).

Web Updates:

NPDES MS4 Audits – Posted the Bakersfield and Kern County MS4 Audit Response Letters to the [NPDES MS4 Audits page](#).

NEPA Comments – Posted the Sun Creek Specific Plan FEIS to the [NEPA Army Corps of Engineers page](#).

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Senator Mazie Hirono (Hawaii): Kehau Yap of senator's staff called to check the status of EPA's inspection into the Puna Geothermal Venture emergency venting that happened earlier in the year, as former Hawaii Island Mayor Harry Kim had asked for an update. A citizen's group, Puna Pono Alliance, asked EPA to take a look at the emergency preparedness plans and other EPA related issues in regards to PGV. Updated Kehau that the analysis of the information gathered during the inspection is still ongoing and there is nothing new to report at this time, and that there may be something we can share within the first quarter of next year.

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Rep. George Miller (D-CA-11): Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a teleconference call with Jacqueline Silvers in the Congressman's DC office regarding some questions she sent about water hyacinth in the Bay Delta. Brent reached out to Pascal Mues and Tim Vendlinski in our Water Division and to Jeffrey Buss in our Air Division who all participated in this call. Ms. Silvers let us know that Congressman Miller and Congressman McNerney's offices are having discussions about alternative ways to deal with the water hyacinth, one of which considers using it as a feedstock for biomass. Both of their offices are contemplating the possibility of water hyacinth being included as a new category of renewable fuel under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Following our call, we agreed to share with Ms. Silvers some additional information put together by Pascal Mues, Tim Vendlinski, and Jeffrey Bus on this subject that included a summary of the Stakeholder Meeting in Stockton, CA on Water Hyacinth that Pascal Mues attended in April 2013 at the request of Congressman McNerney's office and some additional information, links, and suggested follow up contacts for Ms. Silvers.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier followed up with Nick Matiella on Rosemont on his follow up inquiry and relayed to him the statement prepared by Teddy Ryerson on Rosemont in response to Mr. Matiella's follow up questions. Nick mentioned that he will be following up with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Forest Service with any additional questions he may have.